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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. WE RECOMMEND YOU MAKE BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO PRESS.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

2. QTE I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND TO BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM
PRESIDENT FORD AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IN MANY VISITS TO THAILAND
IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, I HAVE DEVELOPED A SPECIAL ADMIRATION
FOR YOUR COUNTRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING MANY FRIENDSHIPS
AND TO MEETING NEW FRIENDS AMONG YOU. I COME HERE AT A TIME
OF EXCITING PROGRESS FOR THAILAND -- AS ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITU-
TIONS MOVE FORWARD IN DEVELOPING A BETTER LIFE FOR ITS PEOPLE.
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SUPPORTED IN THE PAST, AND CONTINUE
TODAY TO SUPPORT THAI ASPIRATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN THE SHARED BELIEF THAT A PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE THAILAND
SERVES THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THIS REGION.

3. AMERICANS CANNOT, AND THEY DO NOT, IGNORE THE CONSEQUENCES OF
RECENT, TRAGIC EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE WILL, I BELIEVE,
PASS THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME STRENGTHENED BY THE PURPOSE
THAT HAS LONG LINKED OUR TWO COUNTRIES: FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERA-
TION. I HOPE TO FURTHER THAT FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT THROUGH
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

4. I LOOK FORWARD TO PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS TO HIS MAJESTY

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THE KING. UNTIL I DO THAT, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME

TO RESPOND TO PRESS QUESTIONS. ONCE AGAIN, I AM
DELIGHTED TO BE HERE. I HOPE TO BE MEETING EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY
SOON. UNQTE.

5. CONSIDERING DANGER OF MISQUOTATION, WE RECOMMEND
YOU TALK THROUGH STATEMENT, AND WE WILL THEN HAND OUT TEXT
IN ENGLISH, THAI AND CHINESE. PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS
SOONEST.
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